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(57) Abstract: The subject matter of the invention is a process for the production of metal salts of trifluoromethane sulphonic acid by reacting trifluoromethane sulphonic acid with a metal alcoholate and the use thereof as esterification catalyst and/or transesterification catalyst for the production of hydroxycarboxylic acid esters.